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SUBJ: CHILEAN ALLENDE SUPPORTERS ISSUE APPEAL AND HOLD PRESS  
CONFERENCE IN ROME

1. /BEGIN SUMMARY:/ GROUP OF CHILEAN ALLENDE SUPPORTERS CAUGHT  
ABROAD BY COUP HAVE GATHERED IN ROME. GROUP ISSUED APPEAL AND  
HELD PRESS CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 18 MARKING CHILE'S NATIONAL  
DAY. APPEAL AND MEETING WITH PRESS WERE GENERAL REHASH OF PRAISE  
FOR UP, CONDEMNATION OF JUNTA, ACCUSATIONS OF US AND CHILEAN  
DC COMPLICITY, AND APPEAL TO WORLD OPINION TO ISOLATE AND OPPOSE  
JUNTA. /END SUMMARY./

2. ITALIAN PRESS SEPTEMBER 19 GAVE HEAVY CONVERAGE TO ISSUANCE  
OF APPEAL AND PRESS CONFERENCE HELD SEPTEMBER 18 BY GROUP OF  
CHILEAN ALLENDE SUPPORTERS WHO, CAUGHT ABORAD BY COUP, HAVE  
GATHERED IN ROME. ACCORDING PRESS GROUP INCLUDES: JULIO BENITEZ  
POLITICAL OFFICE OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CHILEAN SOCIALIST PARTY;  
HOMERO JULIO, CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CHILEAN SOCIALIST PARTY;  
EDUARDO SALUM, CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CHILEAN SOCIALIST PARTY;  
VOLODIA TEITELBOIM, POLITICAL OFFICE OF CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY;  
CARLOS CONTRERAS LABARCA, CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CHILEAN COMMUNIST  
PARTY; OSCAR JIMENEZ, RADICAL PARTY; ARMANDO URIBE, CHRISTIAN  
LEFT AND AMBASSADOR TO PRC; SERGIO SANCHEZ, CATHOLIC UNITARY  
MOVEMENT; CARLOS VASSALLO, INDEPENDENT OF LEFT AND AMBASSADOR TO  
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ITALY; GUSTAVO BECERRA, INTELLECTUAL; ALEJANDRO YANEZ, DIRECTOR

OF STUDENT MOVEMENT. PRESS REPORTED THAT ALSO INCLUDED IN GROUP WERE CHILEAN AMBASSADORS TO BELGRADE, BUCHAREST, BUDAPEST, PRAGUE, GDR.

3. APPEAL, ENTITLED "UNIDATED POPULAR APEAL TO FREE MEN" WAS COMPEMDIUM OF CONDEMNATION OF JUNTA, PRAISE FOR ALLENDE AND UP, ACCUSATIONS THAT "NORTH AMERICAN IMPERIALISM", INTERNAL REACTION AND DC RIGHT LED BY FREI INDUCED MILITARY TO OVERTHWOW UP AND INSTALL DICTATORSHIP. APPEAL WARNED THAT JUNTA PLANNED "JAKARTA" LIKE MASSACRE OF WORKERS AND REVOLUTIONARIES. IT CALLED ON ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL, UN SECRETARY GENERAL, EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, ETC., TO STOP BLOOD BATH IN CHILE PERPETRATED BY JUNTA, AND SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR PROTECTION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF POLITICAL REFUGEES IN CHILE.

4. PRESS CONFERENCE GENERALLY PARALLELED POINTS MADE IN APPEAL, ACCUSING CIA, NATIONAL PARTY AND DC RIGHT OF PLANNING COUP. US ALSO ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY BY CITING HURRIED NIXON/ KISSINGER CONSULTATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR DAVIS DAY BEFORE COUP, AND PROXIMITY OF US NAVAL UNITS TO CHILEAN WATERS. QUESTION WAS POSED WHETHER GROUP WOULD CONSITUTE ITSELF AS CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IN-EXILE. RESPONSE WAS GROUP COULD NOT RPT NOT TAKE SUCH ACTION ON ITS OWN WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM UP SURVIVORS IN CHILE. SIMILAR RESPONSE WAS GIVEN TO SUGGESTION THAT "INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE" SHOULD BE RECRUITED TO FIGHT JUNTA IN CHILE. QUESTION ELICITED VOCIFEROUS DENIAL THAT UP WAS PLANNING ITS OWN COUP. GROUP ASSERTED THAT ITS MISSION WAS TO MOBILIZE WORLD OPINION TO OPPOSE AND ISOLATE JUNTA.

5. PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT ALLENDE SUPPORTERS MET WITH LEADER OF ITALIAN SOCIALIST PARTY.VOLPE

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